

I feel that it is not inconsistent to delete the 5 wpm Morse Code requirement for the Technician/ Tech Plus. I feel like that Technician classes should be given digital HF Privileges in the Novice subbands to encourage HF activity as well as promote efficient use of spectrum and SSB privileges limited to the Novice band segments . I also am in favor of keeping the 5 wpm requirement for General class licensees and current operating privileges. I would like to see the code speed for the Extra class set at 12 wpm, the Extra being the highest class of license, deserves to have more rigorous standards, just like an ATP FAA license does versus a Commercial FAA license. I would like to continue to see the Commission keep the CW subbands for those of us that do like to communicate by CW mode.

That being said, I am not in favor of cutting the licensing to 2 classes with only 1 written test required. The current Technician/general/extra upgrade path has been shown to be effective. As stated above I am in favor of deleting the CW requirement for tech plus and consolidating the tech/tech plus and giving them digital and ssb privileges in the Novice subbands, keeping the cw requirement at 5 wpm for General and increasing the cw requirement for Extra.